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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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TAGS: PFOR, ZA, US

SUBJECT: REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S  
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE RE CRASH OF TWA PLANE

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
FORD TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR  
RECENT AIR TRAGEDY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE JOIN ME IN THANKING YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE FOR THE  
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN YOU HAVE SHOWN AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,  
GERALD R, FORD UNQUOTE

2. FYI, PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S INCOMING COMMERCIAL CABLE OF  
DECEMBER 3 READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE  
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I HAVE JUST LEARNT WITH SHOCK OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF 96

PASSENGERS AND CREWS OF TWO BOEING 727 JETS WHICH CRASHED  
IN THE UNITED STATES ON SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 1974. ON  
BEHALF OF THE PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA AND  
INDEED ON MY OWN BEHALF PLEASE ACCEPT SINCERE CONDOLENCES  
AND CONVEY SIMILAR CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.  
MAY THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.

K. D. KAUNDA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA UNQUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO RELEASE BY GRZ. KISSINGER

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